

BOROUGH OF BLANDFORD FORUM

Medical Officer's Report for the Year, 1942.

To the Mayor, Alderman and Councillors

The Minister of Health has directed that sanitary reports for the year, 1942 shall again be abbreviated and confined to essential and urgent matters, especially those arising from the war and exceptional administrative measures. Statistics are to be preserved but not included in this interim report.

There was no unusual prevalence of epidemic or other diseases during the year and the health of the population remained good.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The table below shows the progress of immunisation since the Council started its Scheme in the Spring of 1940.

Percentage of Child population immunised on dates shown.

Age group.	December 31, 1940.	September 30, 1941.	June 30, 1942.	December 31, 1942.
5 - 15 yrs.	60. 0 %	81. 0 %	81. 6 %	82. 1 %
0 - 5 yrs.	23. 4 %	33. 2 %	32. 3 %	43. 8 %

Scabies.

The following table shows the number of cases of scabies dealt with since the Scabies Order came into force at the end of 1941. The figures include only those cases reported to the Medical Officer of Health. There were no doubt others, perhaps treated privately, which were not reported.

Treatment afforded.	Residents.		Evacuees.		Totals.
	over 16.	under 16.	over 16.	under 16.	
Outpatient at Minor Ailment Clinic.	5.	15.	1.	1.	22.
Admitted to Hospital.	0.	1.	0.	0.	1.
Home treatment.	1.	0.	0.	0.	1.
<u>Totals.</u>	6.	16.	1.	1.	<u>24.</u>

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